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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4002 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO PRETORIA,  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UN, SC, SF

SUBJ: SC: SOUTH AFRICA

SUMMARY: AFRICANS REMAIN DIVIDED CONCERNING LANGUAGE OF  
RESOLUTION(S) WHICH THEY WISH TO SEE EMERGE FROM UPCOMING  
SC DEBATE ON SOUTH AFRICA. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING  
DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO SOME OF THEIR INFORMAL PROPOSALS  
END SUMMARY.

1. WITH AFRICAN GROUP HAVING DECIDED OCT 7 TO PUSH FOR  
SC CONSIDERATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION BEFORE OCT 21  
(USUN 3787), WE ANTICIPATE CAMEROONIAN PRESIDENT WILL  
CONSULT WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS SHORTLY CONCERNING SCHEDULING.  
IT APPEARS FROM REPORTS OF AFRICAN GROUP MEETING THAT  
DISCUSSION ON PRECISE TACTICS AND DESIRED AIMS IN SC HAS  
BEEN DEFERRED.THIS DEFERRAL, IN LARGE MEASURE, REFLECTS  
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DIVISIONS WITHIN AFRICAN GROUP AS TO PRECISELY WHAT

IS HOPED FOR AS RESULT OF DEBATE.

2. MANY AFRICAN LEADERS AT UN, INCLUDING SALIM OF TANZANIA, DO NOT WANT TO SEE SOUTH AFRICA SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED. OTHERS, INCLUDING OGBU OF NIGERIA, ADVOCATE, AT LEAST IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THAT VORSTER REGIME SHOULD BE EXPELLED FROM UN BUT THAT SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT SHOULD REMAIN VACANT UNTIL "DEMOCRATIC" REPRESENTATIVE IS ACCREDITED. MAIN STREAM OF AFRICANS, HOWEVER, MAY BE SATISFIED TO SETTLE FOR ACRIMONIOUS SC DEBATE, INCLUDING STATEMENTS FROM FONMINS OF A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES, AND EVENTUALLY A CONDEMNATORY RESOLUTION.

3. FOLLOWING ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS FOR INCLUSION IN A RESOLUTION:

A. SUSPENSION UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF CHARTER;

B. SUSPENSION FOR REMAINDER OF 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

C. EXPULSION UNDER ARTICLE 6 OF CHARTER;

D. RETENTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT, WITH EXPULSION OF VORSTER REGIME; SEAT TO BE OCCUPIED BY "DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES" AT UNSPECIFIED TIME;

E. CHAPTER VII LANGUAGE, INCLUDING CALL FOR SANCTIONS;

F. "FINAL" WARNING TO SOUTH AFRICA;

G. PREPARATION OF ONE RESOLUTION WHICH COULD BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, AND ANOTHER WHICH CLEARLY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. (SUCH AS BEEN FORMULA FOLLOWED IN CASE OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA);

H. RECOMMENDATION THAT AN SC COMMITTEE "STUDY" SITUATION; AND

I. "STUDY GROUP" TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA.  
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4. TO ASSIST US IN WHAT WILL BE FAST DEVELOPING SITUATION, WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REACTIONS TO ABOVE POSSIBILITIES.  
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